

REMARKS

The final Office Action, which was sent on September 12, 2005, has been received and reviewed.

Claims 1-35 are currently pending and under consideration in the above-referenced application, each standing rejected.

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statements

Please note that Information Disclosure Statements were filed in the above-referenced application on April 24, 2001, June 21, 2001, September 23, 2002, and June 20, 2005, but that initialed copies of the Forms PTO-1449 and PTO/SB/08A that accompanied these Information Disclosure Statements have not been returned to the undersigned attorney, nor has the undersigned attorney been provided with any indication that the references listed on the Forms PTO-1449 and PTO/SB/08A have been considered or made of record in the above-referenced application.

It is respectfully requested that the references that have been cited in the Information Disclosure Statements dated April 24, 2001, June 21, 2001, September 23, 2002, and June 20, 2005, be considered and made of record in the above-referenced application and that initialed copies of the Forms PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08A that accompanied these Information Disclosure Statements be were returned to the undersigned attorney as evidence of such consideration.

For the sake of convenience, second copies of the four (4) above-mentioned Information Disclosure Statements, their accompanying Forms PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08A, and USPTO date-stamped postcards evidencing receipt of the same by the Office are enclosed with this communication.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 24-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for being drawn to subject matter that is purportedly indefinite. Specifically, it has been asserted that the structure

that has been recited with respect to the respiratory flow component of these claims, which is an element that is not positively set forth in the claims, is ambiguous.

The M.P.E.P. does not provide direct guidance on this issue. It does, however, provide guidance in a somewhat analogous situation—when functional language is used in apparatus claims. Specifically, M.P.E.P. § 2173.05(g) provides that such limitations “must be evaluated for what [they] reasonably convey[] to a person of ordinary skill in the art in the context in which [they are] used.” It is respectfully submitted that reference to another, unclaimed apparatus for the sake of providing context may similarly be made to convey to one of ordinary skill in the art the characteristics of certain features of a claim element. The standard that applies is: would one of ordinary skill in the art, in view of the description that has been provided, understand the scope of the subject matter recited in claims 24-30? M.P.E.P. § 2173.02.

By referring to corresponding features of an unclaimed respiratory flow component, the subject matter recited in claims 24-30 reasonably, and with clarity, conveys to one of ordinary skill in the art some idea as to scope of the elements recited in these claims. For example, in claim 24, reference to a “temperature control component” that is “configured to maintain [a] luminescable composition at a substantially constant temperature” merely indicates a defining function of the “temperature control component.” Claims 25-30 similarly define elements of the claimed transducer in terms of corresponding features on a respiratory flow component. Although the respiratory flow component is not itself claimed, reference thereto is not at all ambiguous, as it provides one of ordinary skill in the art with an understanding of the characteristics of the features of the claimed transducer.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 24-30 comply with the definiteness requirement of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, and that the subject matter recited in each of these claims is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections of claims 24-30 is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

The standard for establishing and maintaining a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is set forth in M.P.E.P. § 706.02(j), which provides:

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, and not based on applicant's disclosure. *In re Vaeck*, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

Stanley in View of Knodle

Claims 1-10, 13-15, and 17-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for reciting subject matter which is assertedly unpatentable over the subject matter taught in U.S. Patent 3,725,658 to Stanley et al. (hereinafter "Stanley"), in view of teachings from U.S. Patent 4,914,720 to Knodle et al. (hereinafter "Knodle").

Stanley teaches side stream monitoring apparatus that employ luminescence quenching technology for detecting changes in oxygen present in diverted respiratory samples. Knodle teaches an infrared carbon dioxide cuvette a complementarily configured transducer that may be assembled with the cuvette and disassembled therefrom

It is respectfully submitted that there are at least two reasons that a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established against any of claims 1-10, 13-15, or 17-35.

First, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have had the hindsight that the specification and claims of the above-referenced application provide to one of ordinary skill in the art. Without such knowledge, one of ordinary skill in the art wouldn't have been motivated to combine the teachings of Stanley and Knodle in the manner that has been asserted.

In particular, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to apply teachings that relate to features of a so-called "mainstream" gas sensor, which is configured to

reside upon a breathing tube that communicates with the airway of a subject (Knodle), with a conventional “side-stream” gas sensor (Stanley). Further, one of ordinary skill in the art wouldn’t have been motivated to apply teachings that relate to a relatively complex, two-piece sensor of the type required for mainstream gas sensing (Knodle) to a much simpler, self-contained, single-piece side-stream sensor (Stanley).

Furthermore, one of ordinary skill in the art wouldn’t have been motivated to combine teachings from a luminescence quenching apparatus of the type taught in Stanley with teachings that pertain to an infrared sensing device, such as that taught in Knodle. Specifically, a luminescence quenching apparatus includes a sample container, such as the sample tube of Stanley, that is coated with a luminescent material, which one of ordinary skill in the art would expect to disrupt transmission radiation through the tube. In contrast, an infrared sensing device, such as that taught in Knodle, requires an unobstructed optical path through a sample cuvette.

Second, one of ordinary skill in the art would have had no reason to expect that the purported combination of Stanley and Knodle would have been successful, particularly when the teachings of these references are considered in their entireties, as required by M.P.E.P.

§ 2141.02. For example, the luminescent material-coated tube, sensor, and detector of Stanley are part of an integral unit; thus, there would be no reason to couple the transducer of Knodle to the apparatus of Stanley. Even assuming, for the sake of argument, that the transducer of Knodle could be coupled to the apparatus of Stanley, the wavelengths that are generated and detected by the source and detector of Knodle’s transducer would not excite or detect fluorescence from the luminescent material within the apparatus that is taught in Stanley. Moreover, the presence of the luminescent material on the surfaces of the tube would likely interfere with the infrared transmission that is required to obtain respiratory carbon dioxide measurements in accordance with the teachings of Knodle. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have any reason to expect that features from the mainstream infrared sensor taught in Knodle could be incorporated into the sidestream luminescence quenching sensor taught in Stanley.

Third, both Stanley and Knodle lack any teaching or suggestion of each and every element of several claims of the above-referenced application.

Neither Stanley nor Knodle teaches or suggests a transducer with a detector that is configured to communicate with a processor configured to increase a signal-to-noise ratio of a signal indicative of an intensity of at least one wavelength of electromagnetic radiation emitted by a luminescable composition, as required by claim 3. The teachings of Stanley regarding signal-to-noise ratios are limited to the recognition that a high ratio is desirable.

Stanley and Knodle also lack any teaching or suggestion of a transducer that includes a detector that is configured to communicate with a processor that operates under different processing protocols depending upon the monitored oxygen concentration, as recited in claim 5.

Claims 6 and 7 are directed to allowable subject matter since Stanley and Knodle both lack any teaching or suggestion of a transducer with a detector that comprises a photodiode or a transducer that comprises a PIN silicon photodiode, respectively.

With respect to the subject matter recited in claim 17, neither Stanley nor Knodle teaches or suggests a transducer with a second radiation source that emits at least a calibration wavelength of electromagnetic radiation. The teachings of Stanley are instead limited to calibration of a sensor with gas mixtures including known concentrations of oxygen.

Claim 18, which depends from claim 17, is also allowable since neither Stanley nor Knodle includes any teaching or suggestion of a transducer with a second radiation source that emits calibration radiation that will not cause a luminescable material of a sensor that configured for assembly with the transducer to luminesce.

With respect to the subject matter recited in claims 25-30, even assuming, *arguendo*, that Stanley suggests the desirability of including a temperature control component in a transducer, neither Stanley nor Knodle teaches or suggests a transducer with a heater component that is configured to contact a thermal capacitor upon assembly of the transducer with a respiratory flow component, as recited in claim 25; a transducer with a temperature control component exposed therethrough, as recited in claim 26; a transducer with a heater component that is configured to be biased against a thermal capacitor of a respiratory flow component, as recited in claim 27; a transducer with a heater component that includes a thick film heater, as recited in claim 28; or a transducer with a temperature sensor that senses a temperature of a heater component, a capacitor, or a luminescable composition, as recited in claim 30.

It is, therefore, respectfully submitted that a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established against any of claims 1-10, 13-15, and 17-35. Therefore, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the subject matter recited in each of claims 1-10, 13-15, and 17-35 is allowable over the subject matter taught in Stanley and Knodle.

Stanley, Knodle, and Yafuso

Claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for being drawn to subject matter that is allegedly unpatentable over the teachings of Stanley, in view of teachings from Knodle and, further, in view of the subject matter taught in U.S. Patent 4,849,172 to Yafuso et al. (hereinafter “Yafuso”).

Yafuso does not remedy the aforementioned deficiencies of Stanley and Knodle. Therefore, claims 11 and 12 are both allowable, among other reasons, for respectively depending directly and indirectly from claim 1, which is allowable.

Stanley, Knodle, and Hauenstein

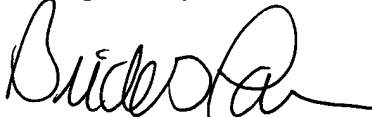
Claim 16 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for being drawn to subject matter which is assertedly unpatentable over that taught in Stanley, in view of teachings from Knodle and, further, in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent 4,861,727 to Hauenstein et al. (hereinafter “Hauenstein”).

Hauenstein does not remedy the aforementioned deficiencies of Stanley and Knodle. Therefore, claim 16 is allowable, among other reasons, for depending directly from claim 1, which is allowable.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 1-35 is allowable. An early notice of the allowability of each of these claims is respectfully solicited, as is an indication that the above-referenced application has been passed for issuance. If any issues preventing allowance of the above-referenced application remain which might be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Office is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

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Sir:

The present application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/128,918, filed August 4, 1998, pending.

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. 2001.06(b), the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the information of record in the prior application, and to confirm in the first Office Action on the merits that such art has in fact been reviewed. A PTO-1449 form listing all of the information of record in the prior application is enclosed herewith.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the above-identified application, and no certification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) or a fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) is required.

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	4,568,518	02/1986	Wolfbeis et al.			
	4,587,101	05/1986	Marsoner et al.			
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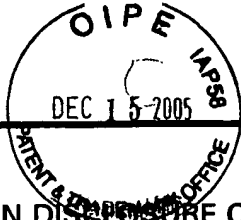
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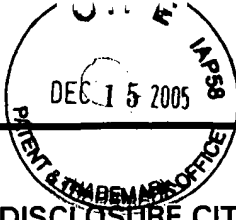
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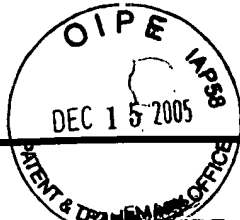
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty to disclose information material to patentability pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a). The listed documents were cited by the Office in co-pending application Serial No. 09/128,918, filed on August 4, 1998, and directed to a related invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g) and (h), filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as

defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Further, no representation is made by Applicants herein that no other possible material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (b) exists.

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6,095,986	08/2000	Braig et al.
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Applicants offer to supply any explanation or discussion of the documents which the Examiner feels is necessary or desirable and which is requested.

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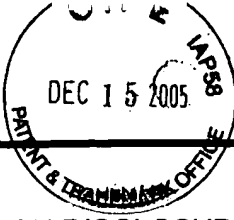
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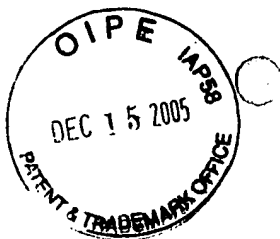
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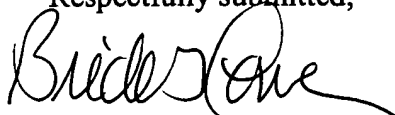
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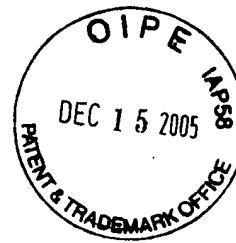
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